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For nearly a year the US has constantly been attacked, not only in the Yugoslav Press and radio for world consumption, but also in various debating groups, reading circles and political conferences within Yugoslavia. The US has been singled out as the chief enemy of the "progressive" forces. The new campaign is to provide material for inner consumption of the USSR and the satellites, where every speech or article will be thoroughly analyzed. The aim of this campaign is to create the impression that the US is not a democratic country and is preparing for war. At the time this propaganda serves the purpose of compelling the people to do more work under harder conditions, and gives the USSR and the satellites an excuse and explanation for their preparation for war and maintenance of huge armies.

This propaganda campaign serves also to provide the Communist Parties in the western powers, especially in the US, with material for internal propaganda in which the USSR has to pose as a power that is a guardian of peace and one which exposes the circles that would profit by a war. Whatever the result of voting in the UN may be and whatever the answers of the democratic statesmen, the speeches of Vishinsky and Molotov will be analyzed and discussed in every party unit and cell, printed and reprinted, and as such used in canvassing among the people.

The chief aim inside the US is to alienate the "broad masses" from the Government so that, in the event of future war, they would in greater or lesser degree refuse to fight or obey orders and would be encouraged to sabotage. It should be noted that the present attacks on the US will create a real hysteria among the people in the Soviet orbit, and possibly the propaganda is aimed at furnishing beforehand a reason for a political coup in combating the Marshall Plan or perhaps a reason for taking over by violence the Government in some country. The attack on the US is in form and content so strong and so much without any niceties that it is impossible that it has only tactical purposes to achieve even small gains in international conferences. The arousing of feeling internally to such a pitch is something so grave that the Soviet leaders would not dare to do it without a hope of achieving adequate results.

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The Yugoslav leaders are in great fear of any US propaganda, and the result that such might have on opposition groups. At the present time they are sure that the US has considerable influence with the Yugoslav people, which must be overcome by every possible means.

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